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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18. (Cancelled).

- 19. (Previously presented) A process for making a membrane electrode assembly for a fuel cell, comprising:
- (a) providing a catalyst ink comprising a catalytic material, and poly(vinylidene fluoride);
- (b) applying the catalyst ink to at least one side of a PSSA-PVDF membrane; and
 - (c) bonding the membrane to at least one electrode.
- 20. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, wherein the membrane is bonded to the electrode at a temperature of greater than about 180 °C.
- 21. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, wherein the catalyst ink further comprises a plasticizer.

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- 22. (Previously presented) The process of claim 21, wherein the plasticizer is N,N dimethylacetamide.
- 23. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, further comprising adding to the catalyst ink a second ionomer comprising a liquid copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene and perfluorovinylethersulfonic acid.
- 24. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, further comprising roughening a surface of the membrane prior to applying the catalyst ink.
- 25. (Previously presented) The process of claim 19, wherein the electrode comprises a catalyst layer comprising a catalytic material selected from Pt, Pt/Ru and an ionomer.
- 26. (Previously presented) A fuel cell comprising a membrane electrode assembly, wherein the membrane electrode assembly is made by the process of:
- (a) providing a catalyst ink comprising a catalytic material, and poly(vinylidene fluoride);

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- (b) applying the catalyst ink to at least one side of a PSSA-PVDF membrane; and
 - (c) bonding the membrane to at least one electrode.
- 27. (Previously presented) A process for making an electrode for a fuel cell, comprising:
- (a) providing a catalyst ink comprising a catalytic material, and poly(vinylidene fluoride); and
- (b) applying the catalyst ink to at least one side of a PSSA-PVDF membrane.
 - 28. (Cancelled).
- 29. (Previously presented) The process of claim 27, wherein the ink further comprises a plasticizer.
- 30. (Previously presented) The process of claim 29, wherein the plasticizer is N,N dimethylacetamide.
- 31. (Previously presented) The process of claim 27, further comprising roughening a surface of the membrane prior to applying the catalyst ink.